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1. [ ] Talked with Representative George Mahon who stated he believed the Director had presented most lucidly the issues which need resolution by the Congress with respect to the Agency's 1964 budget. Mr. Mahon stated that he would do everything possible to have Mr. Cannon take the necessary action which would include further consultation with Senator Russell. From this I can only assume that Cannon has not requested Mahon to take the action.

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2. [ ] Talked with Mrs. Piotrow in the office of Senator Kenneth B. Keating in connection with the letter she had forwarded that had been addressed to the Senator. I advised her it was our recommendation that the Senator not respond to this letter indicating that the writer was not known to the Agency. We are returning the original of this letter to the Senator's office.

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3. [ ] Talked with Congressman George Meader (R., Michigan) on 5 December re [ ] I am to have lunch with the Congressman and [ ] on Tuesday, 10 December. (See item 1, 27 November Journal.)

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4. [ ] Mr. Hagan, in the office of Representative Fernand St. Germain, called and said they had received unconfirmed reports that CIA might be contemplating [ ] They are interested in knowing whether this report is correct. Mr. Hagan was advised that we would check on this and be in touch with him.

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5. [REDACTED] Talked with Senator Frank J. Lausche concerning a constituent inquiry involving Dr. Corliss Lamont's statement before a group of Russians that CIA paid for the travel of American citizens to the Soviet Union for spy purposes. I gave Lausche a suggested reply indicating that the Agency did not comment on press articles speculating on its activities but calling attention to the fact that Lamont's organization, National Council of American-Soviet Friendship, had been cited by the Attorney General as a subversive organization. Lausche immediately recognized that we would not discuss the substance of the remarks and was pleased with the suggested reply.

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6. [REDACTED] Talked with Ewing Hass, Assistant to Senator Thomas H. Kuchel, regarding the inquiry they had received from a Beverly Hills resident concerning [REDACTED]

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8. [redacted] Russ Rourke, in the office of Representative John R. Pillion, called and asked if we could provide "for Pillion's information" the location of any "sabotage and assassination schools in the Soviet Union." He said he was fairly certain that there had been open comment about the existence of such a school in Minsk. He was also interested in the location of similar schools in Czechoslovakia for the training of Cubans and other nationalities. I told Rourke we would look into this and see what, if anything, could be made available.

Rourke also asked if we could give the Congressman a run-down on Lee Harvey Oswald's activities abroad. I told him that this Agency had forwarded all pertinent information to the FBI on this matter and suggested he contact the Bureau.

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Item No. 1 - Mr. John M. Clarke

Item No. 7 - Chief CI Staff, [redacted]

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